

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted preliminary to the issuance of an Office Action in the present application.

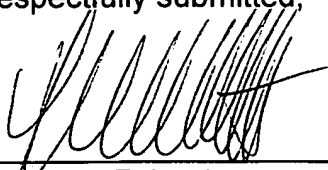
Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10 have been amended. Claims 4, 8, 11-13 have been canceled. Claims 14-19 have been added. Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9, 10, 14-19 correspond to claims 1-10 as submitted during examination of International PCT application PCT/EP2003/09460, whereby claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10 have been determined by the International Bureau as having novelty and inventiveness. A check in the amount of \$600.00 for submitting three independent claims in excess of three is enclosed. A copy of the Notification of Transmittal of the International Preliminary Examination Report (Form PCT/IPEA/416) is submitted herewith. For the benefit of the Examiner, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 8-10 submitted during International Preliminary Examination have the following US-claim correspondence:

Claims during Int. Prel. Examination	Corresponding U.S. Claims
1	1
2	5
5	6
6	16
8	9
9	18
10	10,19

When the Examiner takes this application up for action, s/he is requested to take the foregoing into account.

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